Task Forces on National Security Aspects

*171. SHRI K. RAMA MOHAN A RAO: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whethei the Four Task Forces, which were set-up by the Prime Minister with regard to national security aspects have submitted their reports;

(b) if so, the steps Government have, so far, taken on those reports;

(c) whether there is any proposal before Government to have a Federal Law to deal with the crimes such as drug trafficking, cyber crimes, economic offences, militancy, fake currency, etc.; and

(d) if so. whether any time-frame has been fixed to bring the Federal Law into force?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENIVIDYASAGAR RAO): (a) and (b) Four Task Forces were set up by the Govemment of India to assist the Group of Ministers (GoM) to review the National Security System in its entirety. These Task Forces have submitted their reports to the GoM. The GoM has also submitted its report, which is being examined.

(c) and (d) The recommendations of the GoM in this regard is being examined.

Loans for procurement of energy meters

* 172. SHRI GOPALSINH G. SOLANKI: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Rural Electrification Corporation (REC) provides loans for procurement of energy meters;

(b) if so, what is the quantum of loan given to the Electricity Department, State Govemment of Manipur during the last three years;

(c) whether Government have received any complaint from SSI manufacturers regarding diversification of loan amount by the State Govemment of Manipur actually meant for payments to manufacturers; and

(d) if so, the details of complaint and by when the full amount due to the SSI manufacturers will be released?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI SURESH PRABHU): (a) Rural Electrification Corporation (REC) has introduced a new category of Special

Loan Portfolio-SL(meter.s) during 1999-2000 for providing financial assistance to State Electricity Boards and Electricity Departments for procurement and installation of high precision electronic and electro-dynamic meters of various types for measurement of clctrical energy/power flow.

(b) The Rural Electrification Corporation (REC) sanctioned a scheme in 1999-2000 for the Electricity Department, Government of Manipur for purchase of electric meters involving an assistance of Rs.5.16 crores and on the basis of invoices, a sum of Rs.3.4 crores (90% of Rs.3.77 crores towards cost of material) was released to the Government of Manipur on 31.3.2000. REC provides loans to the State Govemment for procurement of meters according to its guidelines The balance 10% of the loan is released after the installation/completion report is received from the SEB together with the village-wise, taluka-wise, district-wise details (and sub-station details, if any, involved). The guidelines concern quality specifications, performance guarantees, testing and inspection procedures etc. as per standards, norms and procedures specified by the Bureau of Indian Standards. However, the procurement decisions, quality approvals and the payments to the suppliers against material received are done by the State Government concerned.

(c) and (d) Yes, Sir. The issue of release of pending payment to M/s. Capital Power Systems Limited, NOIDA for supply of energy meters to the Electricity Department, Government of Manipur against funding by REC was taken up by the then Minister of Power with the Chief Minister, Manipur on August 11, 2000. Accordingly, the State Govemment was requested to confirm whether the money released by REC has been actually spent for the specified purpose, the suppliers have completed the supply of requisite number of electric meters of the requisite quality and due payments made to the suppliers against the supplies made. Electricity Department, Government of Manipur have informed that they have released the following payments and further stated that the pending payments will be cleared during the current financial year-

Statement of Payments of Energy Meters

SI. No.	Name of the firm	Date of Payment	Amount	Remarks
1.	M/s. Capital Power Systems	31.3.1999	Rs. 25,00,000/-	State
2.	M/s. Capital Power Systems	12.11.1999	Rs. 8,00,000/-	State

SI N	Name of the firm	Date of Payment	Amount	Remarks
3.	M/s. Capital Power Systems	05.10.2000	Rs. 1,50,00,000/-	REC
4.	M/s. Elymer Electrics	13.10.1998	Rs. 20,00,000/-	State
5.	M/s. Elymer Electrics	13.04.1999	Rs. 1,00,00,000/-	State

Total: Rs.3,03,00,000/-

(Rupees three crores and three lakhs only).

Targets and Achievements in Non-Conventional Energy sources

*173. SHRI MANOJ BHATTACHARYA: Will the Minister of NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the targets and achievements in respect of Non-Conventional Energy Sources other than bio-gas;

(b) the State-wise dispersion in so far as promotion and utilisation of solar energy, wind mill etc;

(c) whether Government consider that small and Non-Conventional Sources of Energy will be more prudent in the days to come; and

(d) if so, what are the programmes that Government are contemplating?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI M. KANNAPPAN): (a) The physical targets and achievements made during 2000-01, in respect of various programmes of non-conventional energy sources other than biogas are given at Statement I (Seebelow)

(b) The State-wise potential of major non-conventional energy sources such as biogas, improved chulhas, wind power, biomass and small hydro power has been estimated and are given at Statement II *(See* below). The State-wise potential have not been estimated for other non-conventional energy sources. The State-wise cumulative physical achievements made under various non-conventional energy programmes as on 31st December, 2000 are given at Statement III (Seebelow).

(c) and (d) The Ministry is promoting and popularizing the use of decentralized and stand alone system/device for meeting various energy needs through wide ranging programmes of non-conventional energy sources such as solar, wind, bidmass, small hydro power and urban and industrial wastes.